

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen  
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

March 24, 2005, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2005.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Petition Verizon for a Grant of Location to install 6 ft. of conduit at 9 Hanson St.
4. Petition Comcast for a Grant of Location to install 4 ft. of conduit at 9 Hanson St.
5. Petition RCN-Becocom for a Grant of Location to install 6 ft. of conduit at 9 Hanson St.
6. Petition RCN-Becocom for a Grant of Location to install 22 ft. of conduit at 432 Norfolk St.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS  
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

7. Citation By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, Commending the East Somerville Neighbors for Change, whose hard work has helped create new recreational programs for teens.
8. Resolution By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, That this Board recognizes and honors the service of these Somervillians who made the ultimate sacrifice in Viet Nam during the month of March: USA Corporal Walter V. Crocco deceased 3/28/69, age 21; USA Specialist 4th Class Clark A. Miller deceased 3/16/67, age 20; USA Private First Class John H. Shallah deceased 3/7/67, age 20; USAF Chief Warrant Officer Charles A. Hinckley deceased 3/25/68, age 56; USMC Private First Class Robert J. Costa deceased 3/1/69, age 19; USMC Private First Class Roy J. Henderson deceased 3/5/66, age 19.

9. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD report on plans to repair or renovate Grimmons Park in Ten Hills.
10. Order By Ald. Pero and White, That the Director of SPCD inspect the Star Market property on Broadway for code violations and issue citations for failure to remove snow.
11. Order By Ald. Pero, White, Desmond, Sullivan and Provost, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DO NOT ENTER sign on Marshall St. at Pearl St.
12. Order By Ald. Pero, White, Desmond, Sullivan and Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash receptacle on Marshall St. on the sidewalk at the playground between Oakland and Stickney Aves.
13. Comm. By Ald. Pero, White, Desmond, Sullivan and Provost, To the State delegation requesting an update on the Home Rule Petition to designate Fellsway West as a public way under the jurisdiction of the City.
14. Order By Ald. Pero, White, Desmond, Sullivan and Provost, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place ONE WAY signage on Marshall St. at Oakland, Evergreen, and Stickney Aves. and Radcliffe Rd.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect 517 Somerville Ave. and instruct the owner to remove trash and debris, and ascertain whether the 10 newspaper boxes there have current stickers authorizing their use.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect the rear of the strip mall at 610 Somerville Ave. for any and all violations including trash storage.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect 74 Prospect St. for overcrowding and code violations.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect 619 and 621 Somerville Ave. for improper storage of trash and potential violations for disposal of hazardous waste.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the crosswalks on Norfolk St. and Webster Ave. to the city line, and advise this Board of a schedule for painting crosswalks in the city.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide an opinion to the Ward 2 Alderman regarding the installation of a speed bump on Webster Ave. due to the danger that truck traffic poses to area residents.

21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD investigate 7 Allen St. for potential use as a rooming house.
22. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor Flint St. near Franklin St. for groups of teenagers that are harassing neighbors and passersby.
23. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor Flint St. near Franklin St. for vehicles having improper plates and/or no registrations and tow accordingly.
24. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect 21-25 Allston St. for building and health code violations and determine whether work being performed requires a permit.
25. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD visit the apartment building at Franklin St. and Broadway and cite the owner for continually leaving the dumpster uncovered.
26. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair all potholes on Bonair St. between McGrath Hwy. and Cross St.
27. Resolution By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, That this Board commends Ras ne hEireann USA Race Director Paul Collyer, the Police and Fire Depts., Auxiliary Police, Tufts Police, MBTA Police, Ball, Davis and Teele Sq. Business Interest Groups and all participating sponsors, Dilboy Post VFW and Winter Hill Bank, High School Boys and Girls Track coaches and volunteer athletes, High School Trackpac and Mayor Curtatone and his staff for making this year's run such a major success showcasing our city and celebrating our rich Irish American heritage.
28. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Davis Sq. Business Interest Group meet with the city's Director of Information Technology and all concerned, to discuss wireless access for Davis Sq. for the benefit of all citizens, and report on the outcome and possible implementation to this Board.
29. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD inspect 34 Leonard St. for building code violations, especially proper heating and insulation methods.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD review the building and occupancy permits recently issued for 35 Hawthorne St. with the next door abutter, including a review of parking and the separation of residential units.

31. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair/replace the bent sign pole at Villa Ave. and Elm Ct.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the electric utility to repair/replace the streetlamp on Morrison Ave. near College Ave.
33. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Communications post the Leash Ordinance on the local cable channel for the awareness of the general public.
34. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Communications post an announcement on the local cable channel that all parks and playgrounds close at 10 PM unless otherwise posted.
35. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police develop a plan to enforce the 10 PM closing of parks and playgrounds during the fast approaching spring and summer seasons.
36. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds provide this Board with a list of all city buildings and whether or not they are handicapped accessible.
37. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines ensure that the street light at 86 Glen St. is repaired, as it goes on and off intermittently.
38. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Taylor, That the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds ensure that the Central Library is handicapped accessible.
39. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works begin a pothole patrol in Ward 7 to fill the numerous holes caused by the severe winter conditions.
40. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Chief of Police order increased speed enforcement in the school zone at the West Somerville School during morning and afternoon hours.
41. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the timing of the traffic light at Temple St. and Broadway, especially for the early morning wait for traffic on Temple St. turning onto Broadway.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

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| 42. | Mayor's Request | Requesting that the SomerStat Office's Stephanie Hirsch and Michael Lambert present information on SomerStat in response to Board requests.  |
| 43. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of the recommendation for the sale of the Durrell School.  |
| 44. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$350,000 from Receipts Reserved-Parking Meter Receipts to Traffic and Parking Capital Outlay Parking Meter Installation, to fund the purchase of 1,100 parking meters. |
| 45. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$14,000 from Bldg. Ins. to Veterans Services Benefits, to ensure sufficient Veterans Benefit funds for the remainder of 2005.  |
| 46. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$7,385 from Bldg. Ins. to Exec. Human Rights Salaries, to fund the Human Rights Commissioner position from April 4 to June 30.   |
| 47. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$5,231 from Bldg. Ins. to Exec. Admin. Salaries, to establish the position of Multicultural Affairs Director at a rate of \$42,500 annually.                           |
| 48. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a \$235,294 Urban Self Help grant, from the Office of Environmental Affairs, for renovations to Perkins Park.  |
| 49. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of the Municipal Election Schedule for 2005.   |
| 50. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Berlin Haynes as Constable.  |

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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| 51. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, March 15.                                       |
| 52. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, March 22.                                       |
| 53. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, March 21.   |
| 54. | Committee Report | Report of the Committees on Public Utilities and Works & Public Health and Safety meeting jointly, March 22. |
| 55. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Public Health and Safety, March 22.   |

56. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, March 23.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

57. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
Somerville Alley Cat Information Table at the Fifth Annual Rabies Clinic, DPW, April 2, 10AM-Noon.
58. Public Occ Tufts Hillel Crohn's & Colitis Benefit, Fletcher Field (corner of Prof. Row & Curtis Ave.), April 8, 1:30-5PM.
59. Public Occ Somerville Pride Girls' Basketball Canning Drive, citywide, April 9, 8AM-3:30PM.
60. Public Occ Mystic River Watershed Association Herring Run 5K Road Race, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on Shore Drive, May 1, 8AM-Noon.
61. Public Occ M.O.M's RUN 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mary O'Brien Memorial 5K Road Race for Cancer, Dilboy VFW Post, Summer St. to Union Sq., to Somerville Ave. to Elm St. to Willow Ave. to Summer St., May 8, 10AM.
62. Public Occ Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit Procession, 203 Somerville Ave. to St. Benedict's Church, May 15, 9AM-Noon.
63. Public Occ Union Square Farmers Market, Washington St. Municipal Lot, Saturdays, June 1 – Nov. 25, Noon-Dusk.
64. Public Occ. Art Beat Festival, Davis Sq., July 15, 4-11PM, July 16, 8AM-8PM (Raindate: July 17, 8AM-8PM).
65. Trans. Vend **Renewal of Transient Vendor License**  
Paul Walker, 642 Somerville Ave.
66. Outdoor Park **Renewal of Outdoor Parking License**  
Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 490 Columbia St.  
15 vehicles.
67. Outdoor Park Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 498 Columbia St.,  
61 vehicles.
68. Outdoor Park Green Cab Co., 85 Foley St., 85 vehicles.

- 69. Outdoor Seat **Renewal of Outdoor Seating License**  
Blue Shirt Café, 424 Highland Ave. 4 tables, 10 chairs.
- 70. Outdoor Seat The Kebab Factory, 414 Washington St., 5 tables, 10 chairs.
- 71. Outdoor Seat India Palace, 23 Union Sq., 8 tables, 16 chairs.
- 72. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto Dealer License Cl. 2**  
Pearl St. Auto Sales, 180 Pearl St.
- 73. Used Car Lic Tadesse Quality Auto, 266 Beacon St.
- 74. Junk Dealer **Renewal of Junk Dealer License**  
Prospect Iron & Steel Corp, 40 Bennett St.
- 75. Junk Dealer Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, Inc., 480 Columbia St.
- 76. Flamm. Lic. **Transfer of Flammables License**  
Millennium Maintenance & Power Sweeping Inc.  
848 McGrath Hwy., 14,575 Gallons.
- 77. Drain Layer **Renewal of Drain Layer License**  
Caruso Corporation, 320 Charger St., Revere
- 78. Taxi Driver **New Taxi Driver License**  
Derek Coughlin.
- 79. Comm. **Communication**  
Sen. Charles Shannon responding to #178312 re: Lowell St. Bridge.
- 80. Comm. Rep. Patricia Jehlen responding to #178312 re: Lowell St. Bridge.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**